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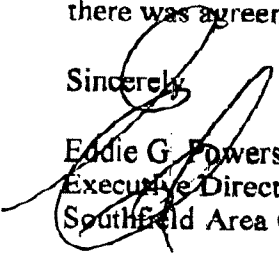
Paul Condino
State Representative 35th District
Michigan House of Representatives
N799 House Office Building
Po Box 30014
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Dear Paul:

The Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce supports HB 4125, an amendment to the revised code to allow districts authorized to levy "hold harmless" mills to exempt principal residences and qualified agricultural property from some or all of those mills.

As you know, we held a focus group discussion of our members on this very subject and there was agreement in that group that they could support this bill.

Sincerely,


Eddie G. Powers, Jr. IOM, CAE
Executive Director
Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce

**Comparison of School Operating Taxes
For a Home Valued at \$200,000**

Percentage Homestead Property	Percentage Non-Homestead Property	Millage Rate	School District	Tax Liability based on a \$200,000 home
39%	61%	19.6 mills	Southfield	\$1,963
78%	22%	9.4 mills	Birmingham	944
83%	17%	8.4 mills	Bloomfield Hills	840